

UNITARIANS ON HOMOSEXUALITY

The General Assembly in Seattle of the Unitarian Universalist Association, approved 327 to 157 in a July 4 session, the need to end discrimination against homosexuals everywhere that it exists.

Their resolution reads:

"Recognizing that:

1. A significant minority in this country are either homosexual or bisexual in their feelings and/or behavior;
2. Homosexuality has been the target of severe discrimination by society and in particular by the police and other arms of government;
3. A growing number of authorities on the subject now see homosexuality as an inevitable sociological phenomenon and not as a mental illness;
4. There are Unitarian Universalists, clergy, and laity, who are homosexuals or bisexuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

1. Urges all peoples immediately to bring an end to all discrimination against homosexuals, homosexuality, bisexuals, and bisexuality, with specific immediate attention to the following issues:
 - a. Private consensual behavior between persons over the age of consent shall be the business only of those persons and not subject to legal regulation.
 - b. A person's sexual orientation or practice shall not be a factor in the granting or renewing of federal security clearance, visas, and the granting of citizenship or employment or term of employment in armed services.
2. Calls upon the UUA and its member churches, fellowships, and organizations immediately to end all discrimination against homosexuals in employment practices, expending special effort to assist homosexuals to find employment in our midst consistent with their abilities and desires.
3. Urges all churches and fellowships, in keeping with our changing social patterns, to initiate meaningful programs of sex education aimed at providing a more open and healthier understanding of sexuality in all parts of the United States and Canada, and with the particular aim to end all discrimination against homosexuals and bisexuals."

The resolution on homosexuality was offered by James L. Stoll, a Unitarian Minister who had been working with the Institute for Sex Research-Kinsey's group.

The resolution is not legally binding on individual congregations. Their main effect is moral persuasion.